

2009 Pandemic Influenza Summit

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES (Alphabetical by Last Name)

James Apa Public Health – Seattle & King County

James Apa has served as Communications Manager for Public Health – Seattle & King County since 2001.

James has extensive experience in developing messages, plans and partnerships in preparation for public health emergencies and mobilizing effective communications responses.

Working with the media on a daily basis, he brings a practical perspective to communicating in a crisis using proven principles in emergency risk communications.

Tim Church Washington State Department of Health (DOH)

Tim Church is the director of communications for the Washington State Department of Health and the immediate past president of the National Public Health Information Coalition (NPHIC).

He oversees department communications including media relations, risk communications, employee communications, publications, and web content.

He graduated from Washington State University's Edward R. Murrow School of Communication with a degree in broadcast journalism and worked in television news for almost 15 years.

Tim believes working with reporters and the public should always be seen as an opportunity to help people better understand what we do in public health and how it affects their daily lives.

Randy Dorn, State Superintendent
Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)

A lifelong resident of Washington State, Randy Dorn is an experienced educator and dedicated public servant committed to creating world-class schools for all of our children. Dorn has spent much of his career in education. He received a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Idaho and a master's degree in education from Pacific Lutheran University. He taught at elementary and middle schools and served as elementary and a high school principal.

For seven years he served in the state House of Representatives and was a key sponsor of the Education Reform Bill. As a state representative, Dorn chaired the K-12 House Education Committee and was a member of the Appropriations Committee. Dorn became executive director of Public School Employees of Washington, the second largest educational employee's organization in Washington State. Dorn and his wife, Kaye, live in Eatonville and have three grown sons. The commitment to education runs deep in Randy's family: one son is a teacher and one is training to become one.

Major General Timothy J. Lowenberg
The Adjutant General
Homeland Security Advisor

Major General Lowenberg is the commanding general of the Washington Military Department. In September 1999, he was appointed Adjutant General of the Washington Military Department by Governor Gary Locke and was reappointed by Governor Chris Gregoire in January 2005. General Lowenberg served as Washington Assistant Adjutant General-Air from May 1989 to December 1993. In January 1994, he was appointed Air National Guard Assistant to The Judge Advocate General (TJAG) of the Air Force..

As Adjutant General, he is the Commander of all Washington Army and Air National Guard forces and Director of the state's Emergency Management and Enhanced 911 programs. He also serves as the Governor's Homeland Security Advisor; State Administrative Agent (SAA) for all U.S. Department of Homeland Security grant awards to Washington state, local, tribal and non-profit agencies; Chair of the Governor's Domestic Security Sub-Cabinet; and Chair of the Governor's 2010 Winter Olympics Task Force Security Committee.

He is a Distinguished Graduate of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Program. He has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science (1968) and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Iowa (College of Law; 1971) and is a graduate of the Executive Program in National and International Security at Harvard University (2000) and the Naval Postgraduate School Homeland Security Executive Leadership program (2006).

Gary D. Gordon
The Boeing Company

Gary is currently The Boeing Company, Security and Fire Protection Enterprise Emergency Preparedness Program Leader. His responsibilities span company operations in 27 states and approximately 14 countries. Gary has been with The Boeing Company since 1990. Prior assignments include fire suppression, emergency medical services, and fire code enforcement.

Gary has been a driving force for the implementation of NIMS within the Boeing Company which led to the inclusion of Boeing as the first ever private company to participate in the federally conducted Top Officials (TOFOFF) exercise beginning in 2003. He is responsible for the oversight of 53 emergency operations centers and the Enterprise Crisis Management Center (ECMC) located in Washington State. He is a subject matter expert in the areas of hazardous materials emergency response, training, and chemical/biological/radiological/explosives terrorism response.

He is a graduate of Western Washington University with a BS in Environmental Toxicology and Health, a Certified Infrastructure Preparedness Specialist (CIPS) and a federally certified All Hazards Incident Management Team Commander.

Governor Christine Gregoire
Washington State

As Washington's 22nd governor, Chris Gregoire has delivered real results to the people of Washington. Facing a \$2.2 billion budget shortfall when she took office in 2005, Governor Gregoire balanced the state's budget as she expanded health care coverage to low-income children, led an effort to make government more efficient and accountable, introduced a plan to create a world class education system, and launched a bold plan to save Puget Sound. In 2007, she proposed and the voters passed a constitutionally protected rainy day fund to help the state prepare for economic downturns like we face today.

Governor Gregoire is committed to promoting and expanding business and creating family-wage jobs in the state of Washington. Reelected overwhelmingly by Washington voters in 2008 and facing an historic \$5.7 billion shortfall brought on by a deepening national recession, Governor Gregoire has held her promise to the people by proposing a balanced budget while maintaining her priorities of protecting families and kids the best we can. After graduating from Auburn High School, Chris entered the University of Washington. She graduated with a teaching certificate and Bachelor of Arts degree in speech and sociology. She met her husband, Mike, in September 1971 when they both worked for the Washington Department of Social and Health Services. Chris received her law degree in 1977 from Gonzaga University. Chris and Mike have two daughters, Courtney and Michelle. Courtney, recently married to Scott Lindsay, is an attorney and Michelle works as a legislative assistant in Olympia.

Anthony Marfin, MD
Washington State Department of Health (DOH)

Dr. Marfin is the Washington State Epidemiologist for Communicable Diseases and a Clinical Professor with an appointment in Epidemiology at the University of Washington. In addition to this academic and clinical training, He served as a Medical Epidemiologist for 13 years with the CDC's Division of Vector-Borne Infectious Diseases, Division of Global Migration and Quarantine, and the Division of STD Prevention. Over the past 25 years, his primary epidemiology study interests have been the study of bacterial and viral pathogens causing encephalitis and meningitis and the use of nonpharmaceutical interventions for the control of diseases with pandemic or epidemic potential.

Dr. Marfin served for two years with CDC's Influenza Division and was assigned to the U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit in Cairo, Egypt as a regional influenza subject matter expert. Dr. Marfin has also served as the Program Director for the HIV/AIDS, STD, and TB Prevention Program at the Oregon Health Division and a Medical Officer for the Indian Health Service in southern Arizona.

Dr. Anthony Marfin earned a medical degree from the University of California Davis and a Master of Public Health degree from the University of California (Berkeley). He is specialty and sub-specialty trained in Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases, and Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine.

Alan Melnick, MD
Health Officer, Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania and Wahkiakum Counties
Clark County Public Health

Alan Melnick, MD, MPH, CPH, is the Health Officer for Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania and Wahkiakum Counties, Washington and Chair of the Washington State Health Officers Forum. He is Board Certified in Family Medicine and Public Health & General Preventive Medicine.

From 2005-2006, Dr. Melnick was a Board member of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). Currently, he is a member of the NACCHO Workforce Strategic Development Team, the NACCHO International Health Workgroup, the Community Level Health Promotion Study Section (CLHP) of the National Institutes of Health and Vice President of the Free Clinic of Southwest Washington.

Dr. Melnick was a Year 3 Scholar in the National Public Health Leadership Institute, past Chair of its alumni association, the National Public Health Leadership Society (PHLS) and is currently Co-Chair of the PHLS Ethics Committee. He is the NACCHO representative on the National Board of Public Health Examiners (NBPHE) and Chair of the NBPHE Maintenance of Certification Committee.

Martin Mueller
Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)

Martin Mueller is Assistant Superintendent for Student Support for the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. Prior to his appointment to this position in October 2006, he was OSPI's Director of Learning and Teaching Support for 5 years, and has supervised various OSPI school health, safety, and alternative education programs, including online learning. He has been at OSPI since 1996.

Before coming to OSPI, Mr. Mueller coordinated school safety and prevention programs at Educational Service District 123 in Pasco, WA, and also provided direct student support services to several schools in Southeast Washington. Prior to that, he was the chief administrator of a small hospital in Southern Idaho that specialized in substance abuse and psychiatric care. He has a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

Marilyn M. Scott
Washington American Indian Health Commission
Tribal Elected Official, Upper Skagit Indian Tribe.

Marilyn M. Scott is an enrolled member of the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe. She is an elected Tribal Council member of the tribe and serves in the position at the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe as the Health & Social Services Department Director.

She has worked for 26 years in the Health Administration field. Her work experience has been as a Health and Social Service Administrator for the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe. She has served on the Tribal Council for 23 years. She has served in the Tribal Chairman position for eight one year terms.

Throughout her tenure, as the tribes former Chairwoman Ms. Scott has served on numerous local, regional and national board, committees, workgroups and commissions. Some of the organizations she has served on include: Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Washington State Tribal Leaders Association, Washington State Department of Social & Health Services Indian Policy Advisory Committee, Portland Area representative to the National Tribal Leaders Indian Health Service Restructuring Workgroup, Washington State DSHS Regional Tribal Coordinating Council for Region 3, etc.

Marilyn currently serves as the Chairman of the Washington State American Indian Health Commission and is a Tribal representative to the State DSHS Indian Policy Advisory Committee. She has received numerous and awards in recognition of her contributions on behalf of Indian Country.

Marilyn has served primarily in the leadership effort promoting national, regional and local legislative action for the improvement of tribal health and social services in Indian Country for many years.

Mary C. Selecky
Washington State Department of Health

Mary C. Selecky has served as Secretary of the Washington State Department of Health since March 1999, serving under Governor Chris Gregoire and former Governor Gary Locke. Prior to working for the state, Mary had 20-year tenure as administrator of the Northeast Tri-County Health District in Colville, Washington. Coming from one of Washington's most rural areas, Mary is keenly aware of the unique challenges facing rural communities.

Throughout her career, Mary has been a leader in developing local, state and national public health policies. She is a past president of the *Association of State and Territorial Health Officials*, receiving the 2004 McCormack Award for excellence in public health, and is a past president of the *Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials*. Mary served on the Board of Directors of the *National Association of City and County Health Officials*.

In 1989, Mary helped create the state's Department of Health, which she now leads. She was also instrumental in developing Washington's nationally recognized *Public Health Improvement Partnership*.

On a statewide level, Mary has made tobacco prevention and control, patient safety, and emergency preparedness her top priorities. Mary is known for bringing people and organizations together to improve the public health system and the health of people in Washington. Mary graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in political science and history, and has been a resident of Washington for 35 years.

Carol Wagner, RN, MBA
Washington State Hospital Association (WSHA)

Carol Wagner is the Vice President, Patient Safety at the Washington State Hospital Association.

Carol provides leadership for the WSHA Patient Safety Program. She works closely with national and state regulatory agencies, professional societies, and associations to design and implement programs on quality and safety. She is the editor for the Patient Safety and Patient Safety for Trustees and CEOs newsletters.

Prior to working at WSHA, she was an executive with responsibilities over 100 hospitals. She has worked in hospitals at the bedside and been part of the executive team in finance, strategic planning, and quality in a 606 bed tertiary, teaching hospital.

Dick E. Walter
Association of Washington Business (AWB)

Dick Walter is the Association of Washington Business' vice president of operations. He is AWB's chief financial officer and oversees internal policy formulation, human resources, membership recruitment and retention, pension and investments, accounting, books and funds, financial reporting and audits, payroll and employee benefits, facilities, and technology acquisition and operations. He also coordinates the board of directors, and the executive, finance and nomination committee meetings.

Walter has been active in the community serving in president and board capacities for the Olympia-Thurston County Chamber of Commerce; the Thurston County Economic Development Council, of which he was a co-founder; and many charitable organizations.

His prior work experiences include numerous executive and management assignments with Xerox Corporation and GT&E. While he was working for Xerox, Walter was appointed by the governor to the advisory board of the state Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprises where he represented non-minority businesses in Washington state. He was also a member of the parent's advisory council to the Olympia School District's special education division. Currently, he is a voting member representing business on the State Emergency Management Council.

Dick is a native of Chicago and has lived in Washington for 42 years and in Olympia since 1974 with his wife Geri and three daughters. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, and a Master of Business Administration in organizational management, from the University of Washington. Walter served in the infantry branch of the U.S. Army with Airborne and Ranger background. He retired with the rank of captain.